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APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO THE JULY 10, 2006 OFFICE ACTION

APPLICANT: Andreas Krueger      GROUP ART UNIT: 3754  
SERIAL NO.: 10/672,219      EXAMINER: Frederick C. Nicolas  
FILED: September 26, 2003      CONFIRMATION NO.: 2897  
TITLE: "CARTRIDGE WITH CONNECTION FOR A PUMP-DRIVE AND  
FLUID HANDLING SYSTEM"

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SIR:

Applicant and his counsel have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated July 10, 2006, but believe the claims in their present form are patentable over the teachings of the reference relied upon by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following arguments in support of patentability is therefore respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the telephone interview courteously afforded the undersigned representative of the Applicant on October 5, 2006. At the end of the interview, the Examiner stated Applicant should submit a written response wherein the arguments presented in the interview are repeated, so that the Examiner could consider those arguments in more detail. Accordingly, the present response is being submitted.